THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) While approving the Bihar Reorganisation Bill, 1998 the Union Cabinet decided that a dedicated cell be set up in the Planning Commission under the direct charge of the Deputy Chairman to deal exclusively with Bihar so that with the help of better financial management and adequate devolution of funds from the Centre, multifaceted development of the State takes place especially with respect to core infrastructure. Accordingly, a Speical Plan for Bihar under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana has been formulated and approved by Government of India.

(b) An amount of Rs. 500 crore has been provided in the Annual Plan 2003-04 of Bihar (under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana)

Grant under Central Road Fund for Rajasthan

548. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governmet of Rajasthan had proposed a revision in grant under Central Road Fund in August, 2002 as per the new guidelines for the projects approved and/or pending;

(b) if so, whether this proposal has been approved;

(c) if so, by when the revised grant would be allocated for the completion of pending projects and commencement of new projects already approved by the Central Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.